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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



Trade sentiment steady to firm on whole turkeys. Inquiry light to fair, best for September through October shipments. Trading light on frozen commodity hens and toms for late August and early September shipments. Midwest trading light on plant grade hens at 68 delivered September and 70 cents delivered October. Bulk parts and meat trading centered on fresh tom breast meat with the balance consisting of spot and mixed truckloads. Some graded plant grade fresh canner pack hens traded at 74 cents delivered current.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 19, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72.5-73	72.5-73	72.93	560	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-73	71.5	71.50	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	72	72.00	240	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	74	74.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71-74	74	74.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	73.20 **	73.00	63.71
CENTRAL REGION	73.09	72.50 **	61.55
WESTERN REGION	73.30 **	72.60 **	63.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	72.00 **	72.60 **	69.00
CENTRAL REGION	72.14	71.80 **	65.35
WESTERN REGION	72.00	72.00 **	67.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	92-94
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	94
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	76-79
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	76-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-98
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 23-AUG-99

	<u>(8-16#)</u>	<u>(16-24#)</u>
	<u>HENS LBS</u>	<u>TOMS LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)		
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)		
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)	100	20

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 07-Aug-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND		AVG
	HEAD	%	CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---		WT
N EAST	829	0	22.27	(A)	(A)	838	22.31
S ATL	690	0	28.24	(A)	(A)	714	28.09
N CENT	2,336	0	25.59	(A)	(A)	2,360	25.55
S CENT	995	0	22.92	NONE	NONE	995	22.92
WEST	619	0	23.83	(A)	(A)	620	23.86
U.S.TOTAL	5,469(B)	0	24.73	0	58	5,527	24.72

TO DATE

1999 146,654(B) 55 1,055 147,764

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1998 157,386(B) 32 1,130 158,548

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 20,000 for the year 466,000; last year to date 801,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 07-Aug-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	-----THOUSANDS-----			
HEAD	0	5,469	58	5,527
AVGWT	0	24.73	23.76	24.72
LAST WEEK	0	4,894	25	4,919
SAME WEEK YR AG	0	5,505	30	5,535
AVGWT	0	22.58(A)	25.3	22.6
TO-DATE/1999	55	146,654(A)	1,055	147,764
TO-DATE/1998	32	157,386(A)	1,130	158,548

(A) Includes 466,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 801,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 07-Aug-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 619 HD, 14,751 LBS,
TO DATE 10,376 HD, 251,169 LBS; OLD 1 HD, TO DATE 178 HD;
TOTAL 620 HD, TO DATE 10,554 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

JULY 438,497 *
AUGUST 1-7, 1999 113,422 *

To date 1999 3,052,803 *
To date 1998 3,174,582 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 19 AUGUST 1999.

Undertone steady to firm on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts and frozen skin added mechanically separated turkey (MST), fresh MST at least steady. Thigh meat seller sentiment fully steady to firm. Demand fair to good on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts, light to good on MST with best interest noted on frozen for export to Russia, tom drums light to fair with exports the most active. Tails (8 loads) 15-16 mostly 16, plant grade breasts: 10-12 lb. (1 load) 114.50, 12-14 lb. (1 load) 120, fresh destrapped tenderloins (4.50 loads) 175-176 mostly 175 cents delivered domestic. For export: fresh thigh meat (1 load) 53 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	100.00		100.00	640
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	135.00		135.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	16.00-18.00		16.10	42
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	16.00	130
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	17.50		17.50	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	20.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	21.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	45.00	3
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	40
NECKS, HEN	16.00		16.00	3
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	183.00		183.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	189.00-190.00		189.20	50
THIGH MEAT	57.00-58.00		57.95	42
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	53.00-55.00		54.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	76.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	160.27	88
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	175.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	66.00		66.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	19.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.00-16.00		15.64	344
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00-19.50		19.25	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.50-20.00		19.56	468
TAILS		F	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	56.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Undertone steady at best on fresh tom breast meat with increased spot load trading noted. Open priced fresh tom breast meat trading heavy for August - early October shipments. Trading on the balance of items consisted of mixed and spot loads. For export: ground drum (2 loads) 36 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	100.00	640	99.78	720
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	135.00	40	135.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00-19.00		18.15	71	17.27	162
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	16.00		16.00	80	16.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	17.00-18.50		18.41	85	18.14	245
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.00-22.00		21.47	75	21.36	81
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	21.00	40		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	22.00	40		
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	48.00		48.00	10	48.00	10
NECKS, TOM		R	15.00	40	15.25	53
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	7	16.70	10
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	183.00		183.00	40	183.00	52
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	188.50-191.00		189.73	600	189.11	1,190
THIGH MEAT	56.00		56.00	40	57.00	82
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	54.00	80	52.83	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		F	76.00	40		
TENDERLOINS		F	160.27	88		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	175.00	40		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	66.00	40	66.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	16.00	40	16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	140	17.38	260
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	15.64	344	16.66	1,080
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	19.25	80	19.25	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	19.56	468	19.56	468
TAILS		F	18.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00-17.00		16.50	80	16.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	56.00	40	56.75	160

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